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Cold-Storage Warehouses—Regulation of. (Ord. Dec. 9, 1912,)**DEFINITIONS.**

SECTION 1. The term "food" as used in this ordinance shall include any article used for food by man or animal and every ingredient of such article, except nuts, fruit, cheese, and vegetables, and except cured meats, meats in process of curing, and cooked animal fats which have been placed in storage under the supervision of the Federal Government. The term "cold storage" as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean the storage of articles of food in cold storage or refrigerating warehouses or cold-storage houses or rooms of any kind or nature, whether the same are public warehouses or not.

The term "cold storage or refrigerating warehouse or cold-storage house" as used in this act shall be construed to mean a house or room where refrigerating machinery or ice is used for the purpose of refrigeration or a house or room otherwise artificially cooled and permanently kept at a low temperature in which articles of food are stored and preserved.

COLD-STORAGE FOOD TO BE MARKED.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of cold-storage warehouseman or in the business of refrigerating, or in any business in which articles of food as defined herein are kept in cold storage for any purpose whatsoever, to receive any kind of food for cold storage unless the said food is in a pure and wholesome condition, and the food or package containing same is branded, stamped, or marked in some conspicuous place with the day, month, and year when the same is received in storage or refrigeration.

It shall also be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of cold-storage warehouseman, or in the business of refrigerating, or in any business in which articles of food as defined herein are kept in cold storage for any purpose whatsoever to permit any such article of food in his, their, or its possession, to be taken from him, them, or it without first having plainly printed, branded, stamped, marked, or written in a conspicuous place upon each and every such article, parcel, or package containing the same the day, month, and year when said foodstuff, article, or package was removed from cold storage or refrigeration, as well as the day, month, and year when same was received in cold storage or refrigeration.

PERIOD OF TIME FOR KEEPING COLD-STORAGE FOODS.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of cold-storage warehouseman or refrigerating, or in any business in which articles of food as defined herein are kept in cold storage for any purpose whatsoever, to keep in storage for preservation or otherwise, any kind of food or any article or articles used for food a longer period than 10 calendar months, excepting butter, which may be kept in cold storage for 12 calendar months.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.

SEC. 4. The commissioner of health is hereby vested with full power and authority to inspect and supervise all places in this city now used or hereafter to be used for cold storage or refrigerating purposes; and it shall be his duty to make such inspection not less frequently than once in every three months; the commissioner of health and all duly authorized inspectors and agents of such commissioner shall be permitted access to such place or places and all parts thereof at all times for the purpose of seeing that said place or places are kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, and for the purpose of determining whether or not the provisions of this article or any other ordinance or act relating to foodstuffs are being complied with, or for any purpose he may see fit. The said commissioner of health may appoint and designate from time to time such person or persons as he deems fit as his agent or agents for the purpose of making such inspections.

SALES PROHIBITED—INSPECTION—EXTENSION OF TIME.

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, offer for sale, or give away within the city of Chicago any food which has been kept in cold storage for a period of time longer than that provided for herein except with the consent of the commissioner of health, as hereinafter provided.

The commissioner of health may, upon application or upon making the inspection herein provided for, extend the period of storage beyond the time herein prescribed for any particular lot of goods, if the said goods in question are found upon inspection and examination by the commissioner of health or his assistants to be in proper condition for human food, such extension to be until such time not exceeding 90 days, as he shall consider proper, having in mind the condition of the food at the time such extension is made. The length of time that such further storage may be allowed shall be specified in the order granting such extension. A report on each case in which such extension of time is granted, including all information relating to the reasons for the action of the commissioner of health, the kind and the amount of goods for which the storage period was extended, and the length of time for which the extension was granted, shall be included in a monthly report of the commissioner of health to the mayor.

REPORTS OF WAREHOUSEMAN.

SEC. 6. Every person, firm, and corporation engaged in the business of cold-storage warehouseman, or in the business of refrigerating, or in any business in which articles of food as defined herein are kept in cold storage for any purpose whatsoever, shall submit reports to the department of health upon printed forms to be provided by said department of health, setting forth in itemized particulars the quantity of each and every foodstuff in storage or in the control of said person, firm, or corporation; such report shall be filed on or before the 25th day of January, May, and September of each year, and reports so rendered shall show the true conditions in regard to such matters existing in said cold-storage warehouse or place of cold storage upon the first day of the month in which said report is filed.

TRANSFERS FROM ONE WAREHOUSE TO ANOTHER.

SEC. 7. The transfer of any food from one cold-storage or refrigerating warehouse or cold-storage house to another for the purpose of evading any provisions of this article is hereby prohibited.

PROHIBITS RETURN OF FOOD TO COLD STORAGE WHEN ONCE RELEASED FOR PURPOSE OF PLACING SAME ON MARKET FOR SALE.

SEC. 8. When food has been in cold storage or refrigeration and is released therefrom for the purpose of placing the same on the market for sale, or for any other purpose, it shall be a violation of the provisions of this ordinance to again place such food in cold storage or refrigeration unless said food remains in its original package and is not removed from the premises.

PENALTIES.

SEC. 9. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for each offense, and the conviction of any firm or corporation under any of the provisions of this ordinance shall not operate to relieve any employee or agent of such firm, or officer, agent, or employee of such corporation, from prosecution hereunder.